

MONDAY, AUGUST 21 KBC GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING

7 pm, Kalamazoo College Library classroom section (Academy Street, west entrance).

Minutes of the Kalamazoo Bicycle Club Meeting of July 17, 1978

R : Phil reported that the Club had assets of \$57. (With additional memberships brought to the meeting by Debbie Dinda and LAW patch revenues, the balance was \$98.96 as of July 24th.) The publicity for the Distance Medley and the Fall Century has already been mailed, so these monies plus the revenues from the Distance Medley must finance the printing and mailing of the August and September newsletters, the maps for the two rides and any sag services that these two rides require. The treasurer also reported that only very preliminary estimates of the income of the Convention are available. At this time, it appears as if we may have netted around \$200 total on the Convention and pre- and post-tours. A full report will be submitted after all of the bills are in.

FALL CENTURY: Jini reminded those in attendance that Scott McLain and Dave Hageman have agreed to paint the Fall Century route arrows, but that a Committee is needed to check the route, change the map if desirable, and seek and organize sagwagon volunteers. Sandy Kimbrough, Frank Desposato and Jan McLain agreed to have the route decisions made by August 16th so that Dave and Scott could have sufficient time to paint the route. Jini agreed to get the flyers to shops.

ESCAPE'78: Jini reported that the comments obtained from nonclub members indicate that the Convention appears to have been an artistic success. Sandy also reported that the pre- and post-tours were fun.

BIKE-A-THONS: Jini reminded those at the meeting that we have previously agreed to help the Chicken Coop people to stage a Muscular Dystrophy ride. (Club members will remember that the Chicken Coop furnished weekly awards for the Spring Valley Road Series IV.) She indicated that she would meet with them to get further details. Jini also reported that the local chapter of the Michigan Lung Association (MLA) is interested in obtaining our help to stage a bike-a-thon which would be held either this fall or next spring. Jini indicated that the basic requirements would be a ride with access to bathrooms, checkpoints to validate miles ridden by participants and available refreshments. The MLA has indicated that they would take care of publicity while the Club would plan the ride and staff it. Discussion ensued. It was indicated that other Clubs which have staged such rides have received a small share of the ride fees. General willingness to cooperate was indicated but the discussion revealed questions about insurance for the ride, and the financial return for the Club. Debbie moved that the Club help stage the bike-a-thon next spring if the answers to the financial questions are satisfactory. Richard seconded the motion and it was passed. Jini was instructed to obtain additional information and report at the next meeting. Debbie Dinda, Kevin Kimbrough and Phil Caruso volunteered to help staff the bike-a-thon.

The meeting was adjourned

Respectfully submitted

Phillip Caruso, Secretary-Treasurer

From the Road Captain

Another month has come and I still haven't gone on any rides.... Oh, well.

If you've never attended a major bicycle tour, I strongly recommend Amishland and Lakes. Because of my poor distribution of ride leader report sheets, my mileage records are pretty sketchy. Please keep careful track of your miles for the patch program.

Kevin Kimbrough

TREASURER'S REPORT The Distance Medley Bicycle Tour attracted 45 riders and after the Club paid for the gas, fruit and lemonade and pays for the patches, the Club will have lost about \$18. Four additional people who worked on staging the ride have yet to ride and if they register, the loss will be reduced to \$12. The number of riders was lower this year. The Club treasury at this time shows a balance of \$128 out of which the Club must pay \$46 for the Distance Medley Patches. The Club also owes the racing club \$65 as a payment of the insurance refund on the cancelled race at Spring Valley this May. By delaying the insurance refund we should be able to finance the postage and printing of the September newsletter and the materials to stage the Fall Century. (These funds do not include consideration of the Convention income.)

ESCAPE '78 REPORT The financial report on the Convention is progressing but not complete. Some of the expenditures have not been made and some of the revenues have not yet been received. The order for the patches for the pre-tour and post-tour have not been placed so that expense can only be estimated. Three firms have not paid their advertising or exhibit fee yet and there is one bad check which Phil is trying to collect. (These revenues would total about \$250.) Making the pessimistic assumption that these people never pay and making some arbitrary assumptions about the cost of the patches allows us to generate some idea as to the financial outcome. Making these assumptions yields the following numbers: a loss on the Convention of \$76 and profits on the pre- and post-tours of \$77 and \$572 respectively.

BIKATHONS Jini reported that the Muscular Dystrophy Bikathon has been cancelled. Jini did contact the Michigan Lung Association (MLA) to obtain further details of the Clubs responsibilities if we helped them stage a bikathon. They indicated that they want us to plan the route, provide staffing for the ride including sag services. The MLA intends to handle publicity, prizes, refreshments and insurance. Jini has not been able to contact the person at the MLA who knows what compensation the KBC might receive. Jini asked if the Club would be willing to undertake the planning and staffing for as little as 5% of the pledge dollars. Discussion ensued. There was general agreement that 5% would be sufficient. There was some support for a percentage that would get smaller as the dollars of pledges were bigger.